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PLESETSK ICBM COMPLEX

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1. THIS COMPLEX IS UNIQUE BY HAVING IN ONE COMPLEX MOST OF THE KNOWN TYPES OF SOVIET ICBM LAUNCH FACILITIES. THE PRESENCE OF LARGE-SCALE-SUPPORT FACILITIES SUGGEST THAT PLESETSK MAY BE BOTH A DEPLOYED OPERATIONAL COMPLEX AND A TRAINING/ORIENTATION FACILITY. TWENTY-THREE KH MISSIONS HAVE COVERED THIS COMPLEX.
2. A CHRONOLOGY OF AREA IDENTIFICATION IS: [REDACTED] IDENTIFIED THE FIRST LAUNCH AREA, AREA "A". [REDACTED] IDENTIFIED THE FOUR LAUNCH POINTS AND LAUNCH AREA "B". RE-ANALYSIS OF PREVIOUS PHOTOGRAPHY REVEALED THE LAUNCH POINTS AS EARLY AS [REDACTED] REVEALED LAUNCH AREA "C". [REDACTED] REVEALED TWO NEWLY IDENTIFIED LAUNCH AREAS "D" AND "E". [REDACTED] PROVIDED THE FIRST KH-7 COVERAGE OF PREVIOUSLY IDENTIFIED LAUNCH AREAS "B" AND "C". [REDACTED] REVEALED A NEW PROBABLE SSM LAUNCH AREA "F" IN A MID-STAGE OF CONSTRUCTION.
3. [REDACTED] REVEALED A RAIL LINE UNDER CONSTRUCTION AND EXTENDING TOWARD AN AREA OF NEW CONSTRUCTION EAST OF THE ADMINISTRATION AND HOUSING AREA.

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4. [] REVEALED INCREASED GROUND SCARRING IN THE AREA EAST OF LAUNCH AREA "D". THE RAIL SPURS WERE MOSTLY COMPLETED TO THE AREA OF NEW CONSTRUCTION.
5. [] REVEALED TWO APPARENTLY IDENTICAL PROBABLE LAUNCH AREAS, "G" AND "H", IN AN EARLY STAGE OF CONSTRUCTION IN THE PREVIOUSLY UNIDENTIFIED AREA EAST OF LAUNCH AREA "D". LAUNCH AREA "G" IS APPROXIMATELY 1.8 NM ESE OF LAUNCH AREA "D"; LAUNCH AREA "H" IS ABOUT 3900 FT EAST OF "G". BOTH ARE RAIL SERVED, THE RAILS FORMING A WISHBONE CONFIGURATION. EACH HAVE THREE EXCAVATIONS INLINE ON A NORTH SOUTH AXIS.
6. THIS MISSION COVERS ALL KNOWN COMPONENTS OF THE COMPLEX. NO NEW ICBM ACTIVITY CAN BE IDENTIFIED. LAUNCH POINTS I-IV (SITES 1-3) AND LAUNCH AREAS "A" THRU "E" (SITES 4-8) SHOW NO SIGNIFICANT CHANGE IN FACILITIES. AT LAUNCH AREA "F", BOTH PADS HAVE AN UNIDENTIFIED CIRCULAR OBJECT NEAR THEIR CENTER. NO OTHER SIGNIFICANT CHANGE OBSERVED SINCE [] NO OPERATIONAL ACTIVITY IS OBSERVED AT THE COMPLETED LAUNCH AREAS.

AT PROBABLE LAUNCH AREAS "G" AND "H" CONSTRUCTION CONTINUES BUT NO SIGNIFICANT CHANGE SINCE [] THE RAIL TRACKAGE HAS BEEN EXTENDED INTO LAUNCH AREA "H" AND NOW TERMINATES ON THE THREE DEAD-END SPURS OF THE WISHBONE CONFIGURATION. THREE SHED-TYPE BUILDINGS

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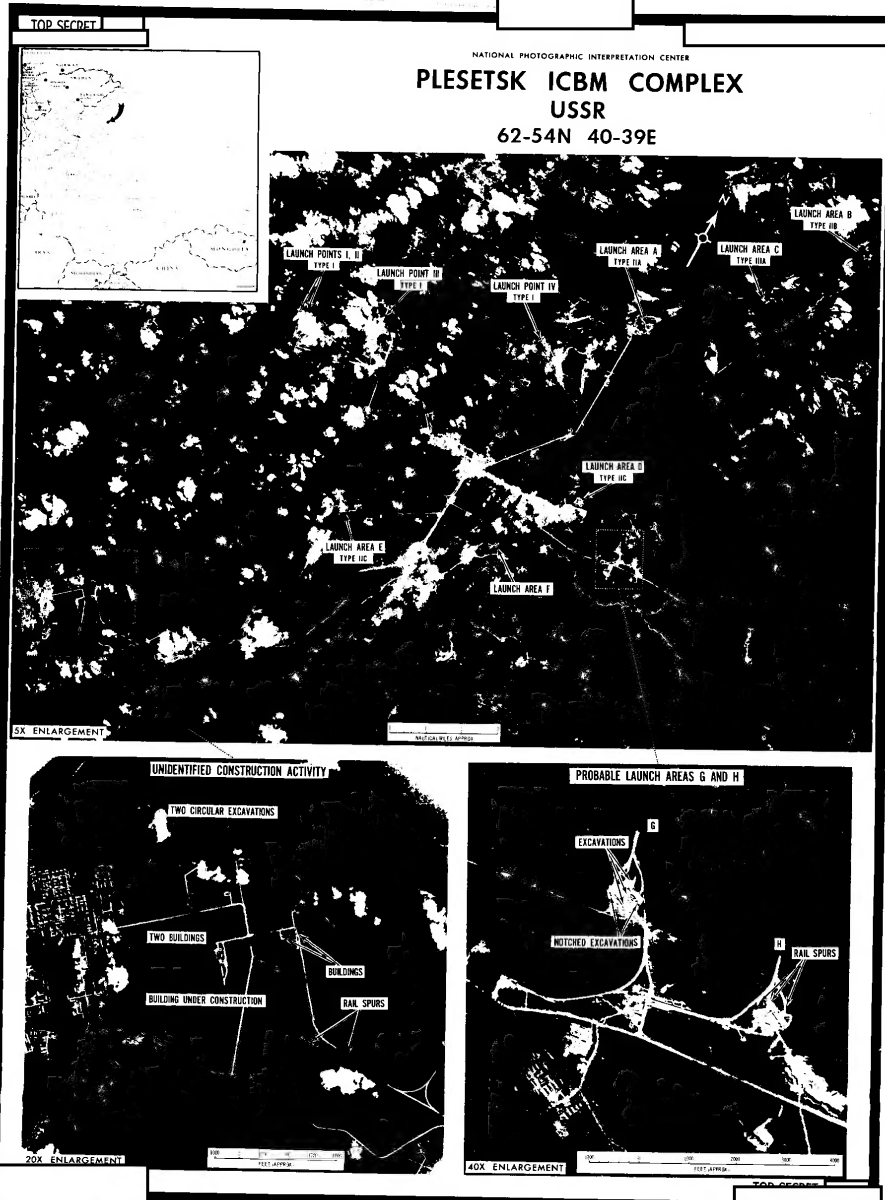
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HAVE BEEN ADDED IN THE VICINITY OF THE RAIL LINE BETWEEN THE TWO AREAS.

THE UNIDENTIFIED AREA EAST OF THE ADMINISTRATION/HOUSING AREA CONSISTS OF A SECURED AREA CONTAINING A RAIL DRIVE-IN CLERESTORY BUILDING UNDER CONSTRUCTION WITH A DEAD-END SPUR. ANOTHER DEAD-END SPUR AND TWO BUILDINGS ARE LOCATED NORTHEAST OF THE SECURED AREA. THERE ARE AT LEAST SIX BUILDINGS AND TWO CIRCULAR, SHALLOW EXCAVATIONS NORTHEAST OF THE SECURED AREA. A GOOD ROAD NETWORK, WITH WIDE RADIUS TURNS SERVE THE GENERAL AREA AND CONNECTS TO THE ADMINISTRATION/HOUSING AREA AND ALSO TO THE MAIN ROAD LEADING TO THE OPERATIONAL FACILITIES.

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